

# HB 1050 -- VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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This bill allows health care providers to contract with the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide volunteer health care services to uninsured and underserved individuals. Health care providers, including their employees, acting within the scope of duties under the contract shall be considered an agent of the state and exempt from any action arising out of treatment provided under the terms of the contract. The bill requires that each health care provider to provide a notice to each patient served under the contract that he or she is an agent of the state with respect to the services provided. This provision may be satisfied by posting the notice in a conspicuous place.

This bill requires the department to establish a quality assurance program to monitor the services provided under any contract and to annually submit a report to the General Assembly that includes specified statistics. The department shall provide, on its website, a listing of volunteer providers with the number of hours, patient visits, and value of health-care-related goods and services provided.

The bill allows a health care professional to earn up to eight hours of continuing education credits for volunteer services provided, under these provisions, to eligible patients.